

Small Grassroots Organizations Connecting With The One-Stop Delivery System
Department of Labor (DOL) – Employment & Training Administration (ETA)
Workforce Investment Act
Solicitation For Grant Applications (SGA-DFA-PY-05-08)

The full announcement, including application submission and content requirements, may be accessed at : <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga.cfm>

SUMMARY

The purpose of the DOL solicitation is to award grants to eligible “grassroots” organizations with the ability to connect to the local One-Stop delivery system by providing services that complement and support those offered through the One-Stop System, including pre- and post-job placement mentoring, intensive case management, job retention support, life skills training, and employability skills training.

Selected grantees will be expected to:

A) Help unemployed or underemployed individuals with barriers to employment by:

- (1) Providing services that complement and support those offered by the One Stop Career Center. These services must include pre- and post-job placement mentoring, intensive case management, job retention support, life skills training, employability skills training, and others as identified;
- (2) Connecting individuals with the existing training, apprenticeship and job opportunities of the One-Stop Career Center; and
- (3) Providing post-job placement services to increase job retention.

Populations served can include: ex-offenders, immigrants, limited English-speakers, veterans, victims of violent crime, single working mothers, homeless persons, individuals with disabilities, and others as identified.

- B) Expand the access of faith-based and community-based organizations’ clients and customers to the training, job and career services offered by the local One-Stop Career Centers;
- C) Leverage volunteer hours and in-kind donations to maximize the DOL investment in grants to grassroots Faith-Based and Community Organizations;
- D) Thoroughly document the impact and outcomes of these grant investments through quarterly and final reporting; and
- E) Establish methods and mechanisms to ensure sustainability of these partnerships and participation levels beyond the life of the grant.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Must be non-profit organizations which:

- Have social services as a major part of their mission;

- Are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services;
- (a) Have a social services budget of \$500,000 or less, or
- (b) Have 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees;

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applications are due to the U.S. DOL by May 2, 2006
- Grant amounts: range between \$50,000 - \$75,000
- Expected number of awards: 54
- Period of performance: 18 months from the date of execution by DOL (DOL expects to make announcements by June 30, 2006)
- Cost sharing or match requirements: not required, but applicants encouraged to leverage resources whenever possible
- Administrative cost limitation: 10 percent

DOL APPLICATION CONTENT

- Application consists of Standard Forms: 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- 424A (Budget Information) and budget narrative
- Technical Proposal (limited to five, double-spaced pages)
- Timeline outlining project activities
- *An agreement with or letter of intent from the Workforce Investment Board/One-Stop Operator that describes the One-Stop's firm commitment to entering a formal referral partnership with the applicant*

LETTERS OF INTENT

Organizations requesting a letter of intent from the Workforce Investment Board/One-Stop Operator should submit a brief summary (150 word or less) no later than April 24, 2006. This summary should describe the history of the organization in providing social services, confirmation of the organization's non-profit status, a description of the proposed services to meet community needs, the population to be served, how the proposal addresses the objectives of the grant, and any proposed collaboration with the One-Stop System and/or other community partners. Joint proposals aligning multiple nonprofits and the One-Stop system are preferred.

Summaries should be mailed or faxed to:

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